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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-11 is/are rejected.
- ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 and 6-11 are are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 62-69957 (or 96026257 B2).

JP is discussed at page 4 of the specification by applicants, and an abstract is enclosed. JP teaches an fatty acid aimde (A) obtained by reacting a straight chain saturated fatty acid having 3-4 carbon atoms and 12-hydroxystearic acid and ethylene diamine or hexamethylen diamine which meets the instant reaction product and paint compositions in abstract. Note that the fatty acid aimde (B) can be 0 % in the inhibitor, and the mol ratio of JP encompasses the instant ratios. The instant claims 9 and 10 reciting "[a] paint ----- containing" permits the presence of other components such as fatty acid aimde (B).

Thus, the instant invention lacks novelty.

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Claims 1-3 and 6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 62-69957 (or 96026257 B2).

JP teaches the ratio of the fatty acid amide (A) and the fatty acid amide (B) being 100:0-20:80. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to obtain said inhibitor having 100 % of the fatty acid amide (A).

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims since the removal of the fatty acid amide (A) and the fatty acid amide (B) obtained from a straight chain saturated fatty acid having 8-22 carbon atoms from the composition of JP would not be obvious.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 4,127,512 (carboxylic acid amide on col. 3) and 5,034,444 (a product of aliphatic diamine and organic carboxylic acid on col. 4) are background references.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tae H. Yoon whose telephone number is (703) 308-2389. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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